



**LOCAL UNIT MISSION TODAY FORM**  
**Current Year: August 1, 2014-July 31, 2015**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ RETURN TO: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF UNIT: \_\_\_\_\_ SUB-DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit President's Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Number of Members in the Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

**The Purpose of Mission Today is to fulfill the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women.  
 MAKE A DIFFERENCE!! Become a Mission Today Unit!!**

- Energize United Methodist Women to be more involved in mission through prayer, study and action.
- Increase contacts between units and mission personnel and mission projects so the United Methodist Women understand where their money goes.
- Encourage the use of mission resources through United Methodist Women.
- Expand concepts of mission, including social justice as mission.

**How Do We Become a Mission Today Unit?**

In order to be recognized as a Mission Today Unit, UMW Units must complete a minimum of twelve items, including four of those marked with an asterisk (\*). **#1 of the Criteria is not optional. You must complete this one to become a Mission Today Unit.** Activities conducted between August 1, 2013 - July 31, 2014 will be recognized at annual meeting in 2014.

**NOTE: Units with 15 members or less would complete 10 items, including four of those marked with an asterisk (\*).**

**ITEMS FOR COMPLETION:**

- \_\_\_ \*1. The unit met its *Pledge to Mission* for the prior year.
- \_\_\_ \*2. The unit used the *Prayer Calendar* at each general or circle meeting to pray for persons in mission work.
- \_\_\_ \*3. The unit used at least two programs from the *Program Book* during the year.
- \_\_\_ \*4. The unit or circle will conduct or participate in at least one *Mission Study* during the reporting year.  
 Mission Study participated in: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ \*5. The unit implemented the *Charter for Racial Justice* in at least one way during the year.  
 Check all that apply:
  - \_\_\_ a. Members read books and articles about other races and cultures;
  - \_\_\_ b. Sponsored an interethnic event between two or more units;
  - \_\_\_ c. Recruited women of color to be members and officers of the unit;
  - \_\_\_ d. Wrote elected representatives to support legislation affecting issues such as immigration, affirmative action, low-income programs, civil rights, etc.
- \_\_\_ \*6. The unit had at least two members subscribing to *response* magazine (1 member subscribing with units less than 15 members).
- \_\_\_ \*7. The unit members corresponded with 5 persons listed in the *Prayer Calendar*.
- \_\_\_ \*8. The unit **added a member** to its roll.

- \_\_\_ 9. The unit was a **Seven Star Unit**, contributing to seven avenues of Mission Giving.
- \_\_\_ 10. The unit **increased** its **Pledge to Mission** for the coming year.
- \_\_\_ 11. Each unit or circle meeting included a “**response moment**” where an item from **response** or **New World Outlook** magazine will be lifted up as a way to tell the mission story.
- \_\_\_ 12. The unit had at least one member (other than a conference or a district officer) attend the **Mission u** and report back to the unit.
- \_\_\_ 13. The unit had at least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members), other than a conference or district officer, attend the **District and Conference Annual Meetings** and report back to the unit.
- \_\_\_ 14. The unit had at least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members), other than a conference or district officer, attend the **District Day Apart** or **Conference Spiritual Enrichment Retreat**.
- \_\_\_ 15. The unit had or the unit sponsored at least one person at the **Mother/Child Retreat** and/or the **39 & Under Event**.
- \_\_\_ 16. The unit had at least one person joining the United Methodist Women’s **Action Network** to receive and respond to legislative information at least three (3) times a year.  
(To join, contact Washington Office of Public Policy, National UMW, 100 Maryland Avenue, NE Room 530, Washington, DC 20002. Fax: (202) 488-5681 or <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umw/act/network/>)
- \_\_\_ 17. The unit participated in the **Campaign for Children** in at least one way.
- \_\_\_ a. The unit co-sponsored, with the local church, a *Children’s Sabbath* promoted by the Children’s Defense Fund. (This is a worship service highlighting the needs of children.) Contact: National UMW and the Council of Bishops support this effort. 25 E Street, NW Washington, DC 20001. 800-CDF-1200, [cdfinfo@childrensdefense.org](mailto:cdfinfo@childrensdefense.org) or <http://www.childrensdefense.org/> - Faith Based Programs and Campaigns (free download);
- \_\_\_ b. Participated in mentoring or tutoring program with children;
- \_\_\_ c. Wrote letters, e-mail, or call congressional representatives and/or others in government regarding children’s issues.
- \_\_\_ d. Attended a local school board meeting and did research on how our schools are funded.
- \_\_\_ 18. The unit pledged to care for God’s creation and became a “**Green**” unit. Go to: <http://environment.umwonline.net/be-a-green-umw-unit-take-the-pledge>
- \_\_\_ 19. The unit had at least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members), participate in the **Reading Program**.
- Name \_\_\_\_\_ Plan completed \_\_\_\_\_
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- \_\_\_ 20. The unit **invited** a district or conference officer, other than a member of the unit, to one of their unit or circle meetings during the year.
- \_\_\_ 21. Each unit contributed to or visited the site of a mission project as a **District Mission Event**, in one of the following categories:
- \_\_\_ a. List the National Project supported by funds from National UMW. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ b. List one of the projects listed on the NC Conference Project Sheet. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ 22. Each unit provided at least 3 school, health, layette or sewing kits as listed on the **NC Conference Project Sheet**.
- \_\_\_ 23. The unit will sponsored a UMW Sunday to celebrate the ministry of United Methodist Women.  
A sample worship service is available at <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umw/resources/articles/item/index.cfm?id=659>
- \_\_\_ 24. The unit hosted a forum/event on one of the social action priority issues.